

## **Royston Ward Alliance**

### **Notes**

**6:30pm, 21st October 2013**

**Held at 'The Grove', Royston**

#### **Present:**

Councillors, Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Tim Cheetham and Caroline Makinson, Martyn Guilcher, Fred Hartson, Mick Birkinshaw, Howard Lavender, Graham Kyte, Steve Croft, Matt Bullimore, and John Openshaw

#### **In attendance:**

Paul Jolley, Senior Support Officer, Julie Hammerton, Open Access Service Manager, Lee Garsden, Youth Service Area Manager.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

None Received

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None Declared

#### **3. Adoption of Chatham House Rules**

The Chair gave a review of the rules adopted at the previous meeting.

*When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the **Chatham House Rule**, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.*

#### **4. Youth Service**

The Chair invited Julie Hammerton and Lee Garsden to give a presentation on the restructured Youth Service and the provision in the Ward Alliance area. The Service includes Youth Support; Young people Not in Education, Employment or Training NEETS and the Youth Justice Service. The service in this area has a range of Full and Part Time Staff operating both Detached and Outreach Work. Their work would include working with groups and schools as well as young people on the streets. The services offered include Add Action, Family Planning and helping young people make decisions for themselves. The Open Action Team is working with the young people to design their own services.

Following the presentation a number of questions were;  
Support to Community Groups, Training, there would be in house training available to community groups.

Age range of young people, 13 -19 and up to 24 for young people with learning difficulties.

Number of groups in Royston working with young people, do the youth service provide advice on Drug, Alcohol and sexual health, this support is available.  
NEETS, Groundwork work with this group of young people at Rabbit Ings.

Outreach work, this work is directed by the young people and would include Signposting, and leaflets. The team do cover some curriculum areas, Healthy Living, Smoking & Tobacco Alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour. Social Cohesion, The team do work with the young people on how their actions are perceived by others. I Know I Can scheme engage with young people developing skills and offering placements.

An invitation has been extended to young people to feed into the Ward Alliance and the Alliance is actively seeking representation from the Youth Council.

The Chair thanked the youth service representatives for their presentation.

## **5. Feedback from Ward Alliance Members**

**Gardening Group** H Lavender reported that a meeting has been arranged with the Gardening group.

**Children's Centre** G Kyte & M Bullimore reported on a meeting held with the Children's Centre manager and presented a report on the services provided at the centre. It was agreed that the valued work of the centre should be supported and its outputs would meet the criteria set by the Public Health Funding available. It was agreed that G Kyte would work with the Area Manager and the Centre Manager to develop a project proposal.

*G Kyte left the meeting at this point*

**Food Banks** M Bullimore gave a report on food banks giving the numbers of Royston families accessing the service, the information available suggests that there is not a current need for a food bank in Royston.

*M Bullimore left the meeting at this point*

**Citizens Advice Bureau** The Chair reported on a meeting with the Barnsley CAB and distributed information on the services delivered across Barnsley over the last 12 months. An agreement was reached on the provision of a pilot service in Royston on one day per month, offering to deliver a 50 sessions over a 12 month period at a proposed cost of £1500.00.

**Web Site** S Croft reported on a meeting with the Head at Carlton Community College, who has passed the request for support in the design of a Ward Alliance Web Site to the Schools IT Department. Sharon Bell would be the contact at the School. The Chair had also investigated the cost of a domain name, £25.00 for 3 years with a number of names available.

## **6. Ward Alliance Priorities**

The priorities presented at the previous meeting were approved.

## **7. Ward Alliance Member Actions**

- **G Kyte**

**Children's Centre**, to work with the Area Manager and the Children's Centre Manager to develop project proposals for Ward Alliance Support.

- **The Chair**  
**REMIDI**, contact and investigate projects within Royston that could be delivered by the organisation.
- **Citizens Advice Bureau** contact to develop project proposals for Ward Alliance Support.
- **C Makinson**  
**Funding Advice**, to investigate the external funding opportunities available and to look at funding advice sessions in Royston.
- **J Openshaw**  
**Credit Union**, contact with a view to delivering a service in Royston.  
**Neighbourhood Pride**, to arrange meeting with NP representatives.
- **T Cheetham**  
**Neighbourhood Pride**, to seek work programme in the Royston Ward Alliance area.
- **S Croft & T Cheetham**  
**Youth Representation** investigates the representation of young people on the Ward Alliance.

## 8. Decision Log

It was agreed to

- To undertake a Gap Analysis of the area to address local issues
- Seek Youth Representatives to the Ward Alliance
- Work with Meadsteads Children's Centre to deliver Services to Royston Residents
- Work with Barnsley Citizens Advice Bureau, and South Yorkshire Credit Union to deliver a comprehensive service to Royston Residents

## 9. Date & Time of Next meeting

6:30pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Grove, Royston.

## 10. Any Other Business

**Information and Communication**, discussions took place on how the work of the Alliance would be disseminated to the local community.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm